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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 2432

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, MY

SUBJ: TUN MUSTAPHA AND SABAH SECESSION

1. A RELIABLE WESTERN SOURCE RESIDENT IN SABAH HAS TOLD US THAT SABAH CHIEF MINISTER TUN MUSTAPHA IS CURRENTLY TOURING THE STATE MAKING SPEECHES IN WHICH HE REFERS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF SEPARATION FROM MALAYSIA. AT THE AIRPORT WELCOME FOR PRIME MINISTER RAZAK WHEN HE RETURNED FROM THE COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE MAY 4, THE AMBASSADOR ASKED DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE PM'S DEPT, DATUK ABDULLAH AHMAD, ABOUT THIS REPORT. ABDULLAH SOUGHT TO LAUGH IT OFF BY SAYING THAT AS LONG AS MUSTAPHA IS DOING THIS OPENLY, THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT HAS NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

2. COMMENT: MUSTAPHA HAS BEEN GENERALLY OUTSPOKEN IN SABAH REGARDING FEDERAL GOVERNMENT POLICIES WITH WHICH HE DISAGREES. FOR EXAMPLE, HE IS REPORTED TO HAVE MADE CLEAR HIS DISAGREEMENT
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WITH RAZAK'S RECOGNITION OF PEKING LAST YEAR. WE ARE

NOT SURE WHAT HAS MOTIVATED HIM IN HIS RECENT ACTIONS,
BUT ONE FACTOR MAY BE THE CREATION OF THE GOVERNMENT PETROLEUM
CORPORATION (PETRONAS) WHICH MAY IN HIS EYES SIGNIFY THAT
HE AND SABAH WILL NOT GET A FAIR SHARE OF REVENUE FROM OFF-
SHORE OIL FARMS OR BE ABLE TO BUILD A REFINERY AND PETRO-
CHEMICAL COMPLEX OUTSIDE PETRONAS CONTROL.
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